

7-02-19 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members present: Mike Daugherty, Ceri Otero, Ray West.

Staff Members present: Tom Short, City Administrator, Zeb Carney, Director, and Julie Tilley, Public Works Dept.

July 2, 2019 Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Mike Daugherty.

A motion was made by Mike Daugherty to accept the minutes from the June 4th, 2019 committee meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

Citizen Participation: None

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Consider and discuss the asphalt bids on Annual Contract Paving. Two bids were received and opened at the bid opening held on June 17th. APAC-Central bid was for \$65.50 per ton. Blevins Asphalt Company bid was for \$58.55 per ton. Swift Construction (Emery Sapp & Sons) did not submit a bid. Blevins, in addition to being lowest bidder, does not have any mobilization fees added to their price whereas the other bidder did have mobilization fees. After brief discussion, Ceri Otero made a motion to accept the Asphalt Bid presented by Blevins Asphalt Company. All ayes, motion carried.

Consider and discuss additional requirements for the Electrical Codes. Zeb discussed the proposal to require that all electrical service upgrades and all new construction installs must provide an external disconnect. A brief discussion followed about surrounding utilities and municipalities that have this requirement already in place. Ryan Huntley with CFD and Ryan Wooldridge, Building Inspector have been in discussion about the addition of external disconnects, the financial cost to property owners and also the life safety factor associated with this update for both emergency personnel and property owners. After a general discussion concerning differences between interior and external disconnects, Ceri Otero made a motion to recommend to council to amend Carthage City Code Sec. 6-39 to include the requirement for external disconnects. All ayes, motion carried.

Consider and discuss CRA's request for city support for a MHDC project. Tom Short reported that due to a family emergency CRA requested to be re-scheduled for next committee meeting.

Staff Reports

Zeb reported on the following:

Fairview Avenue Project. Project is behind schedule due to multiple problems. Zeb met on site with utility (gas and phone) personnel, Hunter Chase, Anderson Engineering and some of the business representatives in the area about the status of the project. A temporary 4-way stop and blinking light is in place to help with traffic. A traffic control device is scheduled to be installed

between July 5th and July 8th at each end of the project to allow for one lane traffic. Zeb was notified earlier today that availability of traffic control device is pending due to a malfunction in the equipment. There's been two accidents reported in the area.

Street Dept. held interviews last week to fill two vacancies. Job offers were made to Randy Morris and Chase Callis, both accepted.

Marian Days prep is ongoing. Tents are starting to appear on the property.

Street Department is shopping for a new street sweeper. The Department recently acquired a Power Broom that connects to the skid steer and have already put it to use.

Tom reported on the following:

Jasper County is planning a remodel of the courthouse and has made a preliminary request to the city to use Council Chambers to hold family court proceedings during the project.

Tom reported about a meeting with the new TAC transportation planner Thomas Hughes at the TAC meeting on June 26th. The State has set up a \$50 million cost share in their budget for economic development. The application process, rules and regulations are still being set, but the potential for future use could be something beneficial to the city.

The Fast Act program adopted by the Federal Government several years ago has a rescission date in place that if allowed to come to term, will cause the loss of remaining funds with the BRO (Bridge Replacement Program). Counties are being encouraged to petition the legislature to protest the rescission date so that remaining funds could still be available.

Discussed an upcoming meeting with budget committee to discuss a budget adjustment resolution to allow several projects from Parks, Fire Department and Public Works to continue with money from previous budget year.

Ceri Otero gave a 'good job' to Public Works staff for quick response times and assistance over the past few months with projects she has been involved with.

Ray West made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.